

Texas. Nathan attends Claremont Graduate University where he is in his second year of a Master's of Information Science degree.



**Betsy Hunt ('04 BME)** and **Adam J. Hunter ('04 ME)** were married July 31.

## FACULTY / STAFF

**Earl Thompson**, former LeTourneau University professor, died July 30 in Henderson, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Irma.



## 1950s

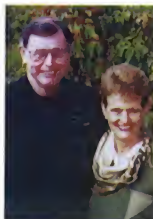


**Howard Anderson ('52 MES)** went to Seoul, Korea, along with 72

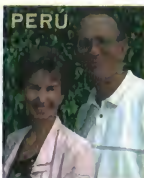
other people from his church choir in April. Howard was part of a cast of more than 230 people who performed "The Promise" in Jamsil Stadium. Howard is pictured with his fellow choir member Kendall Harper, alumni secretary at LeTourneau University. Howard and his wife, Betty, live in Longview, Texas, and are active in their church and community.

## 1960s

**Tom ('62 IE)** and **Clare Chandler** celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary this summer. Tom is the south Asia director for Partners International in Singapore.



**Aaron ('64 CT)** and **Marlene Hoffman** celebrated their 40th anniversary with Wycliffe Bible Translators this summer. They currently live in Lancaster, Penn.



**Tom ('66 MI)** and **Carolyn Pace** live in Lima, Peru, where they have worked with Baptist International Missions Inc. for 35 years.

**Chris Doan ('67 ATBS)** was appointed president and chief operating officer for

Team SAI, a Denver-based global aviation strategy and operations consulting firm.



**Harold ('68 BI)** and **Carol Krause** live in Honduras where they work with CAM International. This summer they spent time in the United States and visited with their children and grandchildren. Adults, left to right: **Christi** and **Phil ('92) Krause**, **Andrea (Ruffcorn) ('98 ET)** and **Mark ('97 ATDT) Krause**, **Lori** and **Tim ('94 ATFL) Ruth**, **Carol** and **Harold**. The four children in the group are **Phil** and **Christi's**.

**James ('69 BI)** and **Rebecca Storey** have taken a new job in Canada. Jim will be a teacher at Emmanuel Baptist Bible Institute in Moncton, New Brunswick.

## 1970s

**Joe Nowiczewski ('70 ME)** went on a two-week mission trip to the Ukraine in May. Joe and about 20 other men traveled to the city of Kerch where they prepared a camp for orphans that will eventually become a vocational school.



**Maury Scobee ('72 BUBS)** and his brother, **Greg Scobee ('90 BUDT)**, had a mini- family

reunion at Louisiana Tech when their nephew, **Josh Scobee**, son of **Darralyn ('72 EN)** and the late **David Scobee ('73)**, was a kicker for the football team. Josh has since been drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars. Maury lives in Montreat, N.C., and works for Billy Graham. Greg lives in Longview, Texas, and is a painting contractor.

**Jeff King ('73 CH)** received his master's in environmental health and safety from Illinois State University in May.

**Jack McKenzie ('75 EE)** went on a short-term mission trip to Algeciras, Spain, and Fez, Morocco, in August. Jack worked with missionaries doing renovation and literature distribution. Jack lives in New Jersey and works for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

**Jim ('78 ATBS)** and **Julie ('77 RE) (Niewald) MacKay** visited the alumni



office this summer. They live in Michigan where they both teach school. In the photo are son-in-law **Matthew**, daughter **Lisa**, son **Andrew** and daughter **Rachel**.

**Randy Hartman ('79 ATMT)** had a grand opening for his new business, Alpha Omega Aircrafters, June 10 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

## 1980s

**Deborah (Moore) ('80 BA/AU) Benjamin** has returned to school to become a medical assistant. She would love to hear from old friends via e-mail at [dbenjamin@adelphia.net](mailto:dbenjamin@adelphia.net).



**Jim ('80 ATBS)** and **Judy McCabe** celebrated two anniversaries in 2004. The first was their 25th wedding anniversary and the second

was their 20th anniversary working with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The McCabes have three children and live in Arizona.

**Peter McMillan ('80 PEBS)** and **Phil Kuitens ('84 ATBS)** have organized [gideonslaptops.org](http://gideonslaptops.org) to provide used laptops and raise money for the IBM church in Lecherí, Venezuela. They are looking for people willing to donate used laptops. Laptops will be shipped to Venezuela for sale to pastors and church leaders at discount prices. All sales will help buy a strategically located facility. TEAM will issue tax deductible receipts for all donations. For more information, visit their Web site.

**Jim Sutton ('81 ET)** is the mayor pro-tem of Haltom City, Texas, where he and wife **Rachel** and their four children live. Jim works as a software engineer for Lockheed Martin.

**Andrew Flagg ('82 HI)** graduated in May with a Doctor of Ministry degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Andrew works with the International Mission Board in Mexico.

**Jim ('82 ET)** and **Barbie Knickerbocker** recently celebrated 20 years of working as tentmaker missionaries in Okinawa, Japan.



# Class Notes Continued

The Knickerbockers reach out to their community through conversational English classes, Bible studies, retreats, quilting classes and hosting many people in their home.

**Dave ('83 ATBS)** and **Hilda Fyock** and their two boys are in Texas for furlough. The Fyocks work with MAF in Costa Rica.

**Dwayne ('83 WT)** and **Pamela Phillips** have lived since 2002 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, where Dwayne is country manager for Air Liquide. They have two sons: Jacob, 10, and Sam, 7.

**Terry Cassis ('84 IM)** now resides in the Washington, D.C., area with husband Dennis Pinnix, son Michael Dueck and daughter Julia Pinnix. Terry works for Lockheed Martin as a principle systems integrator for the space-based IR system and space tracking and surveillance systems.

**Ed Norman ('84 DT)** was recently appointed middle school principal of Florence, Mont., and activities director for the middle school and high school.



**Randall ('84 ATBS)** and **Diana Smyth** live in Wewak, Papua, New Guinea, where they work with New Tribes Mission.

**Brad ('85 ATBS)** and **Lori Crawford** visited the United States this summer. The Crawfords and their two children, Hannah and Bethany, live in Germany and work with UFM International.

**Chuck ('85 ATBS)** and **Susan Pinkerton** live Strathroy, Ontario, Canada, where they work with AIM as regional coordinators.



**Clint Stewart ('85 MT)** graduated in May with a Master of Theology degree with cross-cultural ministry emphasis from Dallas Theological Seminary. Clint and his wife, Janet, have been appointed as missionaries for the International Mission Board for service in Central and Eastern Europe.



**Don ('85 WT) and Mary ('85 PA) Wolfram**, along with their children, Jordan, Jenna and Zachary, are moving to Ecuador.

The Wolframs will be living in Rio Verde and working with Mission Ventures International.

**Bruce Starook ('86 BSME)** is working as a senior applications engineer specializing in advanced die casting technology for Buhler in Uzwil, Switzerland. Bruce, his wife, Mary, and their two sons will live in Switzerland for a year.

**Pat McKinney ('87 BSME)** now works as the manager for research and development for DORMA Architectural Hardware in Reamstown, Penn.

**Col. C. Ray Jones ('88 MD)** lives in Garden City, Mo. Ray works as the operations director for Samaritan Emergency Medical Search and Rescue.

**Stan Young ('89 EE)** completed his Ph.D. in electrical engineering at Kansas State University. Stan, his wife, Donna, and their two children live in Topeka, Kan., where he works for the Department of Transportation.

## 1990s

**Rick Powell ('91 BSBM)** is attending South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas.



**Danjuma and Ida ('91 ATBS) Yusufu** live in Kaduna, Nigeria, with their daughters, Charity and Godiva. Danjuma works as a pilot flying 737's for Bellview Airlines.

**Jeff ('92 ATBS) and Deb (Archer) Mansfield** and their four children live in Noblesville, Ind., where Jeff works as a pilot.



**Mike Marlatt ('92 BUBS)** lives in Tahlequah, Okla., where he teaches mass communications and broadcast journalism at Northeastern Oklahoma State University.

**Brian ('93 BSBM) and Tammie Herndon** live in Carthage, Texas. Brian is store manager of Cassity Jones Lumber in Henderson, Texas, and Tammie teaches school in Marshall.

**Joel ('93 MTDT) and Liz Huegel** live in Guadalajara, Mexico, where Joel is an associate professor at ITESM, a 33-campus educational system with satellite offices in Asia, Canada, Europe, Latin America and the United States. The Huegels have a son, Joel Alejandro Huegel, who was born June 11, 2003.

**Kirk Dixon ('95 BSBM)** was promoted to senior vice president and deposit operations manager at North Dallas Bank.

**Chuck ('95 ME) and Laura McCarthy** have moved to Florida where Chuck begins a new job as the plant manager for Metretek, Inc.

**Dr. Emmet 'Tom' Thompson, II ('95 BSBM)** has co-authored the book *Fit to Lead*, published by St. Martin's Press this year. Tom lives in Dallas, Texas.

**Jason ('96 EE) and Holli Burnfield** live in Norman, Okla., where Jason works as an electrical engineer at Tinker Air Force Base. The Burnfields have four children: Iona, 5; Isabel, 3; Emily 2; and Holli Faith, 1.

**Victor Lavrenko ('96)** received his Ph.D. in computer science this year from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.



**Steve Rundus ('96 ME)** graduated with a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technological University in July. Steve also has a master's in automotive engineering. He works for Ford Motor Company as a powertrain systems engineer.

**Jeff Billo ('97 ME)** received his master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas in Austin this summer.



Jeff and wife **Cara-Lee ('97) (Cherry)** live in Austin where Jeff works as an engineer for ERCOT.

**Marta Montenegro ('97 HIPL)** is now an associate attorney with Watson Rossick in Houston, Texas.

**Melissa Neal ('97 HIPL)** received a full scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. in political science and public policy at Florida State University.

**Jennifer Newton ('97 EN)** graduated Aug. 14 with her Ph.D. in English from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She is an assistant professor of English specializing in early British literature at California Baptist University in Riverside, Calif.

**Larry Rice ('97 HIE2)** is the area coordinator at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Heather Campbell ('98 ME)** graduated with a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Oklahoma in May 2003. Heather lives in Arcadia, Okla., with her husband Michael and 11-month-old daughter Mattison.

**Joe Myers ('98 BYES)** received his teaching license in secondary biology and is in his second year of teaching at Academia Cristiana Internacional de Caracas in Venezuela.

**Kevin D. Wells ('99 MBA)** has joined St. Anthony Heart Hospital as vice president responsible for strategic planning, rural outreach, physician relations, cardiac diagnostic services, cath lab, critical care and cardiac nursing floors.

## 2000s

**Esperanza Ordorica ('00 MBA)** lives in Tyler, Texas, where she is a client consultant with ABANCO International, a business solutions company.

**Peter Patnaude ('00 BBA)** received his MBA with a concentration in finance from SMU's Cox School of Business. Peter works for The Staubach Company in national sales.

**Ho Rick Lam ('01 BBA)** works as vice president for Boehck Mortgage Company in Houston, Texas.

**Rex Redden ('01 BBM)** was selected as assistant to the police chief for the McKinney Police Department in McKinney, Texas.

**Heather Bain ('02 BBA)** was inducted as a new member into the Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society this spring.

**Justin Callaway ('02 ME)** is working for Percardia, Inc., which is a medical device research and development company in New Hampshire. He has worked on a metallic-

and polymer-based implant and is now the lead design engineer for the percutaneous catheter based delivery system.

**Bob D. Smith ('02 BBM)** and his wife, Kimberly, live in Arlington, Texas, where Bob works as quality control coordinator for CargoKids.

**Debbie Marcum ('03 EN/HIPL)** earned a Master of Studies in English from Oxford University in May. She is currently attending Cornell University in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Medieval Studies.



**Derek Fugate ('04 CSE)** recently accepted a position with Lockheed Martin as a computer systems engineer working at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Neb.



**Caleb ('04 ME)** and **Brook Fulks** live in Abilene, Texas, where Caleb works as an engineer for Tige Boats and Brook is in graduate school at Abilene Christian University.



## Alumni Answered The Call

In September, the lights on the third floor of the Memorial Student Center stayed on late as more than 20 current students visited with alumni during our Phonathon event. The purpose of the annual event is to obtain updated contact information and raise money for student scholarships.

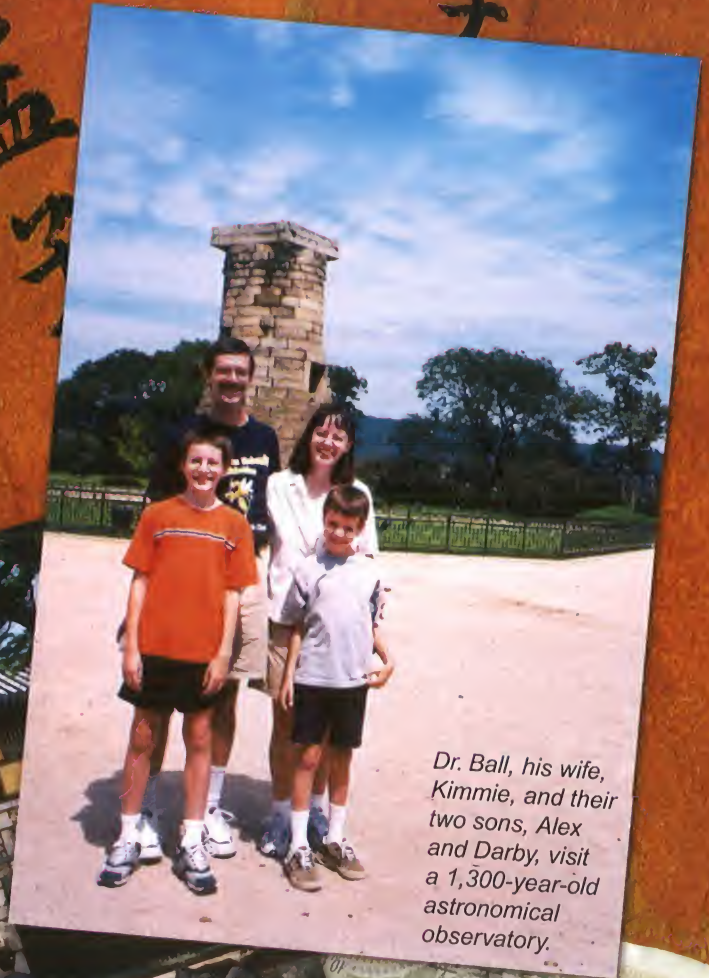
Thanks so much to everyone who took the time to visit with these students and pledge your support. If you haven't already participated, you can give online at [www.letu.edu](http://www.letu.edu) by clicking the "Make a Gift" quick link on the right-hand side of the home page. Remember, our alumni giving percentage helps us raise outside funds from foundations and corporations. So it's not necessarily the amount you give, but that you give. Every gift counts!



# Having a Ball in Korea

*Written by Dr. Steve Ball*

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*Dr. Ball, his wife, Kimmie, and their two sons, Alex and Darby, visit a 1,300-year-old astronomical observatory.*



*In front of the Bulguksa Temple*





**S**ometimes it can be difficult to follow where the Lord leads us, but LeTourneau physics professor Dr. Steve Ball has learned firsthand that God has a plan for each of us. That faith was tested this fall when Ball packed up his family to spend a semester teaching at Handong Global University in Pohang, South Korea. In Korea, the Balls have learned to adjust to a new culture, while sharing their faith and God's words with their new neighbors.

## The Beginning

Two summers ago, LeTourneau University President Dr. Alvin O. Austin and Vice President Dr. Glenn Sumrall went to Korea at the request of LeTourneau professor Dr. Kyun Lee to establish a partnership with the private Christian university Handong Global in Pohang, South Korea. When I learned of this I felt compelled to seek out Dr. Austin and Dr. Sumrall as soon as they returned and volunteer to be an exchange professor. Even when we moved to Texas in the fall of 2001, I knew that giving up a tenured faculty position at Bethel College, Ind., meant I would not have the opportunity to take a sabbatical for many years. We knew the Lord had called us to Texas, but I had a growing desire to experience a cross-cultural setting. This seemed like the perfect opportunity.

But my initial enthusiasm would be put to the test in several ways over the next two years. Some changes in personnel at Handong delayed working out an exchange. We eventually learned that Handong did not even have a full-time physics faculty, so there would be no true "exchange." But then representatives of Handong University came to visit LeTourneau in February 2003 and once again we talked excitedly about an exchange.

Handong professor Dr. C.S. Lee then came to spend his sabbatical year at LeTourneau. Through his help and renewed efforts by Handong to work out the exchange, I was offered a contract to teach at Handong. Dr. Austin and Dr. Sumrall have been very supportive of us going to Korea and hope that this will result in closer ties between our institutions, especially the bond we share in Christ.

Handong Global University embodies the growing movement of Korean Christians to be increasingly bold in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, especially in East Asia. Top students are choosing to attend Handong to combine a technical

training with a Christian worldview. Handong is only nine years old and its founding president, Dr. Young-Gil Kim is still helping to shape its Christian vision and character. Like R.G. LeTourneau, he has a remarkable life story and his charismatic leadership has helped Handong survive initial trials and experience phenomenal growth.

## Settling In

Handong is located north of Pohang, a city of 500,000 built on a natural harbor. Pohang has taken advantage of that harbor by building one of the largest steel mills in the world on it (POSCO). The steel mill was started in the 1960s and stands as a testament to the hard working and energetic spirit of the Korean people, as it has grown to become one of the largest producers of steel and a source of wealth and stability for the Korean economy.

What surprised us was how high up in the hills Handong lies. It is several miles north of downtown Pohang, out in the country, much too far to walk. But Handong University is very much a community unto itself, with a small commissary-type store, athletics facilities and even a chapel, which has services in English on Sunday.

Our apartment is very nice. We have a kitchen and dining area, a living room area with satellite TV, two bedrooms and a bathroom. It was furnished with the basics, and then a new neighbor loaned us some towels and gave us some brownies. Everyone has been so nice to us, asking us if we need anything. The wife of one professor serves as a guest-house coordinator, being fluent in English and Korean. Hyun has been a great help in most everything imaginable. She had a bunk bed moved into the boys' room just before we arrived.

The foreign guests at our apartment complex (seven buildings each with four apartments, housing foreign faculty) are like one big family in some ways. That is a pleasant surprise for us, since I didn't want the family to feel isolated here. The boys even have a soccer and basketball area just below our apartment. It belongs to an English-speaking high school on Handong's campus. Our son, Darby, takes Tae Kwon Do lessons on Tuesday mornings each week. The master of a local academy volunteered to bring Darby to his academy and give him individual lessons since he greatly respects Handong. Most people here



can speak English to some extent. But they do appreciate hearing "Gamsa Hamnida" (thank you).

## The (Korean) University Experience

I'm enjoying my interactions with the students. I have several international students, since they all know English, but are still trying to learn Korean. I'm not sure how many classes are actually taught in English here, but President Kim is pushing to have more. My creation and evolution class is the largest of my classes, with 40 students enrolled.

The students seem to have no difficulty with English, which is nice. We've already had some interesting dialogue. I was very impressed with their responses when they orally summarized their group discussions on the question of what in Genesis 1 seems unclear to them. Some of their responses I had never considered before. They have felt free to express thoughts about how Scripture seems to be at odds with a scientific understanding of the Earth, which is an important first step in beginning to explore this topic. This allows us to do meaningful investigation of the relationship between science and the Scriptures.

## Christianity In Korea

We left Pohang on Thursday, Sept. 16 on the express bus to Seoul. I had agreed to represent LeTourneau University to some English-speaking high schools of Korea. It is amazing how willing Korean Christians are to speak to a complete stranger from America, just because of the Bible in my hand. I had almost thought of leaving my Bible back at the hotel because it didn't fit into my laptop case very well. But I am very glad to have taken it, since two Christians visited with me

during my subway ride back to the hotel. One was an elderly gentleman who became a Christian 10 years ago because of a mid-life crisis. He just overflowed with joy. After this gentleman had to transfer lines, I was approached by a younger man. He also asked if I was a Christian and what work I was doing in Korea. When I told him I was teaching at Handong University in Pohang for the

fall semester, he told me that he had become a Christian because of the influence of Dr. Young-Gil Kim, the president of Handong. They had both been at the Korean Advanced Institute of Science & Technology several years ago, before Dr. Kim resigned his tenured position there to become Handong's first president. He wanted me to give his greeting to Dr. Kim and wished me a wonderful time in Korea.

Seoul is a city that represents many miracles, representing how Korea is blessed with democracy, prosperity and freedom. The biggest blessing is how the gospel has taken root and swept this nation, where the church is still growing, presently representing 28 percent of Korea's population. Conversely, North Korea is under heavy bondage and reports of believers persecuted continue to come

from defectors. News of torture and biological testing being done on North Korean imprisoned Christians was headline news in the *Korean Herald* while we were in Seoul.

The Lord has blessed us abundantly already. The people we have met have just overwhelmed us with their love and kindness. We hope to be a blessing to others in our brief time here. Alex seems to be enjoying the experience thoroughly. Even after spending a long afternoon dealing with long waits and bureaucracy when we first arrived, Darby told that we will miss Korea when we go back to America. Kimmie and I thought that was amazing, coming from the same one who was a bit resistant to coming here. God has shown us in many ways that this is where He wants us for now. May all of us choose to be where He calls us. ■



*Dr. Ball, standing outside the Bulguksa Temple with his two sons, Alex and Darby, and Dr. C.S. Lee*



# Calmly Doing Your Will

Getting around to writing or updating a last will and testament is one of those things that always seems to wind up at the bottom of our "to-do" list. We do not want to stop what we are doing to spend time contemplating our demise and making decisions about the distribution of our assets. We know it's important, but we keep putting it off for a more convenient time.

Sometimes, however, we get a nudge that makes us act. For example, we become aware of a recent death that came suddenly to a friend who didn't have a will, and how this causes so many problems for the grieving loved ones.

Or maybe we are preparing for a long journey overseas and we are motivated to "get our house in order" should something horrible happen during the trip.

Then again, maybe we receive disturbing news from a physician that causes us to care for long-delayed estate-planning decisions.

Following through on any of these nudges is a good thing, because living without a will is a risky alternative. But acting on nudges has its downside, too. We can make poor or faulty decisions when hurried.

This is one reason your friends in the Planned Giving Department at LeTourneau University urge you to care for your will now when you are not facing an emotional reaction to a friend's death, a trip deadline or even unsettling news of a physical ailment. It is so much better to write or update your will when you have the time and mental quietness to concentrate on making sound decisions regarding your estate—when you can do it calmly.

We have prepared a Will Information Kit to make things easier for you. It includes several items that will help you think through the process and gather information from your attorney. For your free packet, please use the response form below, or call the Office of Planned Giving at 903-233-3809.

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